

Blind Hero, Stabbed, Rewon Stolen Bride

Sightless Argonne Veteran,
Who Went to Italy With
Mother, Weds Girl Who
Charmed Him by Voice

Slashed by Angry Father

Young Wife Rejoins Her
People, but Ruse Gets Her
on Ship With Husband

The story of the triumph of a blind man's love over parental rage and attempted assassination was revealed yesterday when Salvatore Filippo, an American warrior of the Argonne, brought in his bride from Naples on the Italian liner Argentina.

A German bullet passing sideways through both eyes robbed Filippo of his sight, but it did not detract a jot of his fighting spirit.

When America entered the war Filippo enlisted with the 110th Infantry and was one of the first of the men of the A. E. F. to get into action. One evening, when four of his comrades were in No Man's Land wounded by machine gun bullets and exposed to enemy fire, Filippo crept out and got them.

He had dragged to safety three men and was out to get the fourth when a German bullet clipped him.

After several months in a hospital he went home and lived with his mother at Erie, Pa. The soldier's mother, an Italian by birth, told her son a year ago that she wished to end her life.

She told him, and he, and by his disability, compensated her by the government, he took her to Italy.

At a village in the Province of Luca Filippo met Isabella Bruna, who was then sixteen. He could not see her, but her voice and the attentions she showed to him caused him to love her.

She pitied him, and this pity led to love.

When the seriousness of their affection became apparent to the head of the Bruna household he warned Filippo to stop from his daughter and his home and threatened the blind American with harm if he persisted in his suit.

The couple, however, kept up a clandestine engagement, and several months ago were married secretly. They were harbored in the home of the husband's mother for a week, and one night the bride's father, accompanied by three of his townsmen, broke into the room of the sleeping couple.

Stabbed Filippo, leaving him for dead, and took his bride away.

While recovering from his wounds in a hospital, Filippo's father, although the young wife, but she had been won over by her father, and would not listen to the pleadings of her mother-in-law that she return to Filippo.

Wife Socks Blind Husband
But in time her pity that had once ripened into love.

Again contrived to meet her husband. A few weeks ago, to live with him. A few weeks ago the warrior of the Argonne told his bride that he was going back to America.

Naples to bid him good by. He told her the vessel was to sail at 4 p. m. They sat in his cabin talking, and when the hour of parting came the bride realized the vessel had sailed at 2 p. m. and that she was then some twenty miles out in the Mediterranean.

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Dirigible Crew to Lose No Time Starting Home

Navy Airmen Will Leave England Soon After R-38 Is Delivered, Aug. 15

From The Tribune's European Bureau
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LONDON, July 29.—The dirigible R-38, which will be the ZR-2 when officially taken possession of, will start for the transatlantic trip to Lakehurst, N. J., within a week after the formal transfer of ownership.

At present the airship is undergoing improvements suggested by the first flight made early this morning. These include alterations in the elevating rudders and the strengthening of girders.

The craft already has attained a speed of 75 miles an hour with only four of her engines running. When she gets under full power it is expected that she will exceed 70 miles an hour.

No newspaper correspondent or other non-military person will be allowed to make the trip, but the airship will be in wireless touch with either England or America throughout her journey, and reports of the progress she is making will be sent out every few hours.

Although crew assignments will not be made until immediately before the flight, it is expected that the ZR-2 will be piloted by Major P. E. Van Nostrand, representing the United States Army air service; Lieutenant Pritchard and a civilian observer representing the British Air Ministry.

Held as Friend's Slayer
After Widow Testifies

Husband Struck First Blow at Liquor Party, but Opponent Won Fight, Woman Swears

Joseph Chuka, of 1789 Eighth Avenue, was held in \$10,000 bail yesterday in Long Island City court on a charge of homicide arising from the death last Monday in St. John's Hospital of his friend, Matthias Ruff, of 473 Cotten Avenue, Long Island City.

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Woman Mentioned In Spurgin Case Explains Wealth

Voluntarily Goes to District Attorney's Office and Says Oil Stock Bought Long Ago Increased in Value

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, July 29.—One of the mysterious women brought yesterday into the case of Warren C. Spurgin, vanished president of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company, by detectives investigating his financial adventures, today went out of it after she had made a brief statement at the State's Attorney's office.

Mrs. Mary McHugh, mentioned in information received by William C. Evans, local representative of Lloyd's of London, as the recipient of \$10,000 worth of oil stocks from Spurgin, appeared at the Criminal Court Building yesterday to explain her own position. She was accompanied by her husband.

Mrs. McHugh, who is sixty years old, stated that when her husband was owner of the Lexington Hotel several years ago they were depositors in Spurgin's bank. At that time they purchased from him 1,000 shares of oil stock, at \$1 a share. It afterward increased in value. She wrote him one letter, at the suggestion of her husband, she said, thanking him when the stock dividends were increased from 8 percent to 16 percent. She stated that she had known the bank president only through business dealings with him. She was allowed to go without further questioning.

Mr. and Mrs. McHugh were returning to New York after an automobile trip through the West when they saw press dispatches stating that the detectives were seeking her for examination regarding the oil stock. They came to Chicago once.

Clarence C. Meuter, cashier of the bank, now places the estimated loss of depositors at \$1,000,000. No definite statement concerning the percentage that depositors are likely to get from the wreckage has been made, although it is likely that it may be near 60 cents on the dollar, according to the cashier.

Small Will Maintain
"Capitol on Wheels"

Plans Highway Inspection in Auto, Meantime Keeping Out of Way of Springfield Sheriff

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CHICAGO, July 29.—For an indefinite period Governor Small will maintain a "capitol on wheels." He will tour the highways, on which a \$50,000,000 bond issue is to be expended. According to friends, he plans to transact public business from the various county seats, and a company of traveling secretaries will journey back and forth from Springfield carrying out the Governor's orders on state business. Heads of various state departments will meet him at designated points on the tour and will consult him by long distance telephone when necessary.

This plan will enable the Governor to keep away from Springfield, where Sheriff Meuter, armed with a warrant for his arrest on the indictment charging embezzlement, calmly awaits such time as the state executive will be forced to come within his jurisdiction.

The Governor declares his tour of inspection has nothing whatever to do with his indictment. Meanwhile he is holding numerous conferences with his advisers, and the long tour of the state, which will keep him out of Sangamon County, will afford plenty of time to decide some course of action. There are intimations that at the conference close friends of the Governor urged him to break away from Mayor Thompson and his Chicago affiliations. They argued that much of his trouble was due to his connection with the Thompson-Lundin machine and warned him that a wave of anti-Small sentiment was beginning to appear over the state.

Mrs. F. J. Gould's Divorce
Complaint Is Dismissed

Justice Mullin in the Supreme Court yesterday dismissed the complaint in the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Edith Kelly Gould against Frank J. Gould, who is living in France. The decision was rendered on a demurrer interposed by Mr. Gould to the complaint of his wife based on a decree of divorce already issued in favor of Mr. Gould by the French courts.

Gould brought two suits here against her husband, one for separation based on ill treatment of extreme cruelty, and the other for divorce, in which case she named several French women. It was her contention that the French courts had granted her divorce over her husband's suit, as they were only temporary residents of France and that their legal residence was in New York.

Counsel for Mr. Gould, upon argument before Justice Mullin, showed that Mrs. Gould submitted herself to the jurisdiction of France by defending the action against her there and later by appealing to the higher courts. He said the decision sustaining the suit of Mr. Gould, wherein he mentioned a wealthy Mexican.

Justice Mullin said there was no room for suspicion of a fraudulent resort to the French courts and added that "except in the most technical of senses, the parties were permanently domiciled in France."

The Stage Door
Frank Craven reaches his 35th consecutive performance in "The First Year" to-night.

An outing will be held to-day at Starlight Park by the employees of R. H. Macy and the audiences of the Macy Men's Club.

Frank Bacon and his wife celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of their marriage at the Hotel Waldorf.

Clarence Derwent has been engaged for one of the important roles in "Drifting," William A. Brady production, in which Mr. Brady will star his daughter Alice Brady.

James Barton will entertain the principal cast of "The Last Waltz," an old-fashioned barbers at his home in Old Neck to-morrow.

Max March announces the opening date for "The Night Club" as August 15 at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre.

James Watts, comedian, is a recent addition to the cast of the "Greenwich Village Follies, 1921."

The cast for "The Temperamentalists" has been completed and now includes Adrienne Morrison, Lucie Walker, Norma Mitchell, Gertrude Furell, Alexander O'Neal, Brandon Peters, Frank Dawson, Charles Warburton and Ray Stewart. The play will have its premiere at the Bijou August 8.

A "Juvenile Fashion Revue" is to be given under the supervision of Julia Arthur at the Little Theatre on Thursday afternoon, August 4, the purpose being to give practical, good-looking clothes within the range of the average family purse. The Fairbanks Twins, of "Two Little Girls in Blue," will take an active part in the demonstration.

Detective Dives for Rum, Comes Up With Prisoner

Leaps Through Grocer's Window When He Sees Motorist Pass Bottle Into Store

David Steinbruck, who conducts a grocery at Jerome and Ocean avenues, Ozone Park, Queens, is being held in \$500 bail for the grand jury on a charge of having had a quart bottle of whiskey in his possession when Detective Robert Baron, of Inspector Kelly's staff, took a dive headfirst through a window into the store Thursday night.

The detective, who was on his way home, alighted from a train at the Ozone Park station, which is opposite Steinbruck's grocery. He saw a closely curtained limousine drawn up at the curb alongside the building and, as he watched, he saw an arm thrust from a window of the car and a hand clutching a bottle. Someone in the store received the bottle.

Baron dashed across the street and through the open window. He landed on all fours in front of Steinbruck, who, the detective charges, was gulping the bottle of whiskey. Baron grabbed him and hustled him outside, hoping to catch the limousine, but it had vanished.

Steinbruck waived examination before Magistrate Kochendorfer, in the Jamaica police court yesterday.

The commission further recommends leasing a site in Thirtieth Street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, with an area 100 by 600 feet. This is offered to the government by the New York Central at \$170 a square foot for the floor and \$25,000 for the first mentioned site has been offered to the government for \$2,500,000, the Pennsylvania road to continue to operate its cars beneath the proposed structure.

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Burglary Staged at Southampton While Guests Are at Dinner; \$5,000 Overlooked

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The children screamed and ran. Mothers rushed into the street to rescue their little ones.

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Three New Postal Buildings, One for Courts, Asked Here

Sites on 30th St. and West of Main Office Suggested Besides City Hall Station in Report Made to Senate

WASHINGTON, July 29.—In addition to recommendations for a new postoffice building in New York on the City Hall site and for a new Federal building on another site to be selected, the joint postal commission in its report on the need for additional postal facilities in New York City, laid before the Senate yesterday by its chairman, Senator Townsend, of Michigan, recommends utilization of two additional buildings. One of these is on the site of the Pennsylvania Railroad, west of the present general postoffice building, between Thirty-first and Thirty-third streets, west of Eighth Avenue and east of Ninth Avenue.

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